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1. The state of completion of KS-ships.

a. Type I

- 1) The metal construction and piping are almost complete (Eisenschiffbau - 99%, Rohrleitungsbau- 94%).
- 2) The work on the engines and fittings is also well advanced (Maschinenbau - 83%, Einrichtung - 60%).
- 3) A Negema firm is to be asked to undertake the ventilation work.

b. Type II

- 1) Metal construction 67% complete
- 2) Fittings 55% complete
- 3) Equipment (including armament?) 47% complete
- 4) Engines 47% complete
- 5) Piping 54% complete

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c. Six ships' hulls (for KS vessels) are supposed to be completed in accordance with the plan, but [] now under construction, are at present about 50% behind schedule. The state of completion of "sections" on 9 June 1952 was as follows:

[] should have had 32 sections; had 17 sections.
[] should have had 13 sections; had 8 sections.
[] should have had 2 sections; had 0 sections.

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2. The Stralsund - Wolgast agreement

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An agreement is to be reached with VEB Peenewerft, Wolgast, according to which the latter will carry out the final fitting out work on board [redacted]

3. Bottlenecks

a. The shortage of rolled metal

On 6 June, the yard lacked over 200 tons of rolled metal which should have arrived by that date [redacted]

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b. The inability of firms to keep to scheduled dates

2) There are to be 47 orders placed for ships' equipment and fittings in short supply, but only 31 contracts have so far been signed because of disagreements over delivery dates, etc.

2) The following are the main items upon which agreement has not yet been reached:

12 sets of fittings (Satz Armaturen), Strube, Magdeburg
 12 anchor cables, DEZ MF, Rostock
 12 thrust blocks, Schiffswerft, Uebigau
 12 electric motors, VEM Schiffsol (sic), Rostock
 48 power units of 100 HP (Bordaggregate 100 P.S.) Buckau-Wolf, Magdeburg².

4. Reparations

The shipyard is far behind schedule in the execution of its program. The state of completion on 6 June 1952 was as follows:

a. Trawlers

[redacted] should have been 100%, was 78.9% complete
 [redacted] should have been 100%, was 37.8% complete
 [redacted] should have been 100%, was 17.5% complete
 [redacted] should have been 97.5%, was 1.5% complete
 [redacted] should have been 91%, was 0.5% complete

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b. Luggers

[redacted] should have been 100%, was 98% complete
 [redacted] should have been 100%, was 91% complete
 [redacted] should have been 100%, was 75% complete
 [redacted] should have been 100%, was 52% complete
 [redacted] should have been 100%, was 34% complete
 [redacted] should have been 100%, was 16% complete
 [redacted] should have been 100%, was 3% complete

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c. Other vessels

The construction of other craft, harbor boats, and buoy and pilot tenders, is also seriously delayed.

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1. [redacted] Comment: Deutsche Handelszentrale, Maschinen-und Fahrzeugbau.

2. [redacted] Comment: The SAG headquarters in Weissensee has not yet decided which power units can be assigned for German use.

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